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Dear Bill:

This is just to let you know that since I wrote to you on 4 December concerning the suggestion you sent us, the following has transpired.

Since the proposal, of course, is principally in the bailiwick of the State Department, I immediately brought it to the attention of the appropriate people there. They were quite interested and discussed it with Bob Murphy just before his departure with the President. It was decided not to have this item brought up by the President because the policy had been established that the President was not taking, sending or implying any gifts to anyone on this trip. However, the interested State officials are pursuing this proposal further with the view to taking action at an appropriate future date.

With every best wish for the coming holiday season.

Respectfully yours,

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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